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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the specification originally filed, with the enclosed substitute specification. A marked up copy of the original specification is attached. Applicant states that no new matter has been added.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 to 9 without prejudice as follows:

1. (AMENDED) An axle suspension for a rigid vehicle axle, the axle suspension comprising:

a four-point connecting rod arranged above the vehicle axle;

two vehicle axle joints connecting two points of said four-point connecting rod to said